

REMARKS

This Amendment after Final is submitted in response to a Final Office Action of June 9, 2006 wherein claims 1-17 were allowed and claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent No. 6006091 to Lupien in view of US Patent No. 659721 to Thandu and in response to an Advisory Action of September 7, 2006. The present Amendment for Allowance is also submitted in response to a telephone interview conducted on January 18, 2007 with the Examiner Nick Corsaro, during which the Examiner Corsaro stated that claims 18-20 are placed in a condition for allowance as submitted in the present Amendment. The present Amendment for Allowance is submitted with a Petition for Revival of an Application under 37 CFR 1,137(b) which was unintentionally abandoned on December 10, 2006.

In the Amendment for Allowance presented herein, various of the original claims are changed in ways related only to matters of form and for the purpose of clarification of claims without adding any new matter in the claims. Reference numerals/labels are removed from the claims, which change does not affect the scope of the claims per MPEP § 608.01(m) (the use of reference characters is considered as having no effect on the scope of the claims). The claims are amended to remove "step of" language. Also preambles of claims 1 and 18 are moved into the body of the claims.

During the telephone interview, the Examiner Corsaro agreed for allowance of claims 1-20 with all

changes introduced in claims 1-20 as entered in the present Amendment for Allowance. Therefore, please issue the case per agreement with the Examiner Corsaro with claims 1-20 amended by the Examiner Amendment following the present Amendment for Allowance submitted herein.

The rejections and objections of the Official Action of June 9, 2006 and Advisory Action of September 7, 2006 having been obviated by Amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested, and passage of the claims to issue, as described herein, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Anatoly Frenkel

Agent for the Applicant

Registration No. 54,106

mef

January 29, 2007

Ware, Fressola, Van Der Sluys & Adolphson LLP

755 Main Street, P.O. Box 224

Monroe, CT 06468

(203) 261-1234